



# dylan's story

*Dylan James Brown was born on December 16, 2008. He is, by far, the most special gift we have ever received.*

*He was ten months old when he caught an extremely common virus, which for unknown reasons, took an extremely uncommon approach and attacked his brainstem. The brainstem is the signal / communication pathway between the brain and the rest of the body. It appears to play a role in nearly every function of the body. The virus's attack, and resulting encephalitis, caused damage to his brainstem. Dylan has been on life support since October 2009, as he is no longer able to breathe on his own. He is not able to blink, show facial expressions, speak, or even eat without a feeding tube. We know he can still hear to some extent, but we are not certain about his ability to see. The doctors cannot tell us whether he will get better or to what extent his condition may improve (but they can't tell us he won't improve either). We elected to store Dylan's umbilical cord blood when he was born, and we are hopeful that his own stored stem cells can rejuvenate the damaged areas of Dylan's brain. With your help, we hope to support research and clinical trials to help children with brain injuries.*

*We miss Dylan more than we can express, and in our hearts we are still convinced that something special is going to happen for him. Only now have we learned what the real meaning of "hope" is...*

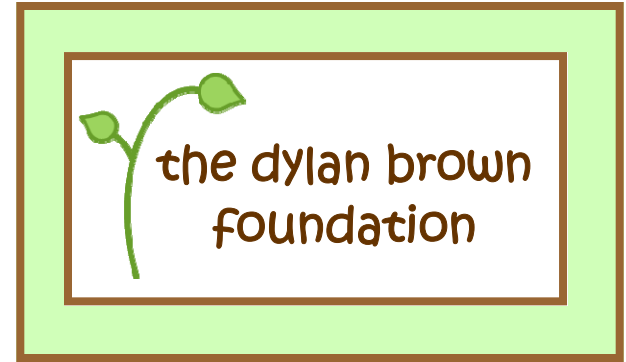
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## making a difference

- the dylan brown foundation is a non-profit organization that operates exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under internal revenue code sec 501(C)(3)
- our hope is to increase awareness for acquired neurological injuries in children, and draw attention to the lack of known methods for repairing damaged areas of the brain
- our charitable mission is to sponsor and support research in the area of children's healthcare. to accomplish this charitable purpose, our foundation is engaging the public through disseminating information related to children's healthCare research, and commencing fundraising efforts to support the foundation's charitable purpose.
- donations received by the dylan brown foundation will go exclusively towards supporting children's healthCare research\*. funds will be used to sponsor clinical trials for children with brain injuries, promoting public awareness, supporting regenerative medicine research, and other related items.

\* only necessary supplies and expenses required to operate the foundation and support fundraising efforts will be withheld from donations received.



## did you know?

- more electrical impulses are generated in 1 day by a single human brain than by all the telephones in the world
- the brain is the most complex organ which is often credited with what makes us "human". it gives us the capacity for personality, memories, highly coordinated movements, how we sense the world, art, language, moral judgments, and even rational thought.
- despite medical advances, still relatively little is known about the brain (especially compared with what we know about other organs). there are no known procedures to actually repair damaged areas of the brain.
- the field of regenerative medicine offers hope for discovering ways to repair damaged areas of the brain. it holds the promise of regenerating damaged tissues and cells for implantation in efforts to stimulate the brain to heal itself.
- head trauma is a leading cause of childhood hospitalization, and we hope to improve the prognosis for recovery by supporting and sponsoring regenerative medicine research.



the foundation's activities, bylaws, articles of incorporation, operating procedures, and board of directors can be found at:  
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## make a donation



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